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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Allen Dean Mammel  
Serial No.: 09/398,987  
Filing Date: September 17, 1999  
Group Art Unit: 3643  
Examiner: Rowan, Kurt C.  
Title: *No-Tie Fishing System and Method*

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment to put this application in condition for allowance. Please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims of the present application are shown below in clean form whether or not an amendment has been made. Please refer to the attached sheet showing a marked-up version of the amendments to the claims.

Claims 1-40 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.